

+Fr Bartholomew's Leaving Celebration Information

Dear Parishioners,

At the beginning of the Year, we had the official announcement, which confirmed our new 'Parish Priest' Fr Ambrose Ohene.

On behalf of parishioners and the Parish Council of St. Chad, I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Fr. Ambrose into our parish of St. Chad's.

Fr. Ambrose arrives in the parish on Monday 11th January 2021. He will officially take over from Fr Bartholomew on the 1st of February 2021.

At St. Chad's, we always celebrate our priests, and we will surely celebrate Fr Bartholomew's 11 years of exciting and invigorating ministry with and for us at St Chad's.

Fr Bartholomew has been with us since 2009 and is very much loved at St Chad's. He would be greatly missed when he goes.

The Parish Council is actively considering how best we can organise the parish, during this pandemic, to show our appreciation to Fr Bartholomew and to give him the best farewell celebration in a time like this. The Council agreed to set up a 'Farewell Planning Committee' who would be charged with organising and executing an appropriate and befitting farewell event.

Hence, the Parish Council is asking that All individual Parish groups:

Parish Financial Committee, Parish Council, The Eucharistic Ministers, the Children's Liturgy Facilitators, all our Catechists, The Social Club, all the choir groups, The Youth, The Legion of Mary, The Sacristans, The Altar servers, The Nigerian group, The Ugandan group, The Anglo-Indians committee, the Ghanaian community, the different prayer groups, etc. will play a role in this farewell event.

Below are the initiatives the Parish Council is asking the parish family and individual groups to take on:

- 1) All individual groups of St Chad's will nominate one member from among them to be part of this 'Farewell Planning Committee'.

The nominated member's details namely:

- a) the group,
- b) the nominee's name,
- c) mobile number and
- d) e-mail address

should be emailed to Stephen Reddiar, the Chair for the Parish Council (reddiar1@gmail.com) no later than Friday 22nd January 2021.

The Planning Committee's first zoom meeting will be held on the Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 19:30.

- 2) A Parish Collection is being organised for Fr Bartholomew. Envelopes labelled 'Fr Bartholomew's leaving collection' will be made available as from Saturday 16th January 2021. Please, pick the envelope, enclose your donation, seal and place the envelope in the mass collections basket(s). These will be collected after each Mass and will be passed on to the 'Farewell Planning Committee.'
- 3) The Parish Council has agreed that the collection of the contributions starts from 16th January 2021 to 03rd May 2021.
- 4) On Monday 3rd May 2021, Fr Bartholomew will be invited back for a farewell Mass and a parish appreciation celebration. A presentation of all the contributions (money) and any other gifts from the St Chad's community will be made at this event.
- 5) Please note that all these details will be found on St Chad's website.

Thank you all for your kind help and support and we pray that with the grace of God, Fr Bartholomew's farewell or leaving-do celebration takes place as always, as a St. Chad family celebration.

Thank you

Stephen Reddiar
The Chair
St. Chad's Parish Council